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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: THE CASTILLO RAMIREZ CASE

REF: JUNE 1 LETTER FROM MS. DERIAN TO MS. NEUGEBAUR

1. THE EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER WRITERS REGARDING THE CASE OF HUGO CASTILLO RAMIREZ. THE CASE HAS ALSO BEEN RAISED WITH THE GON BY THE IAHC. THE CASTILLO CASE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS UN-ACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION, I.E., A "DESAPERICIDO". HOWEVER, THE GON DOES ACKNOWLEDGE HIS DETENTION IN THE CITY OF RIVAS. HE IS BEING HELD UNDER AN INDICTMENT FOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE FEBRUARY FSLN ATTACK AGAINST THE NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDS IN RIVAS AND GRANADA. HE HAS ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL AND WILL BE PUBLICLY TRIED ON THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

2. THE REASON CASTILLO BECAME IDENTIFIED AS MISSION APPARENTLY LIES IN HIS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM RIVAS TO MANAGUA AND BACK TO RIVAS

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WHEN THE AUTHORITIES IN RIVAS WERE ASKED ABOUT HIS DETENTION, THEY DENIED HE WAS DETAINED THERE. MANAGUA AUTHORITIES ALSO DENIED HOLDING HIM PRISONER AT A LATER DATE WHEN HE HAD BEEN RETURNED TO RIVAS. IT WAS TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS AFTER THE FSLN ATTACK THAT HE WAS LOCATED DETAINED IN RIVAS. ALTHOUGH THE LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, CPDH, WHICH INITIALLY GAVE PUBLICITY TO HIS CASE, ACKNOWLEDGED
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LEDGES HIS WHEREABOUTS IS KNOWN, THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN ANY PUBLICITY TO THIS FACT. THE CPDH ALSO STATES RAMIREZ DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FSLN ATTACK INASMUCH AS HE WAS ARRESTED PRIOR TO THE ATTACK UPON ENTERING NICARAGUA FROM COSTA RICAS.
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